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KACHIROUBAS WILL SEEK ANOTHER TERM AS DUPAGE COUNTY CIRCUIT CLERK

ELMHURST- Chris Kachiroubas announced that he will seek another term as Circuit Court Clerk for DuPage County.

Over his tenure as Circuit Clerk, Kachiroubas along with his management team and staff have built the finest Clerk's office in the state of Illinois. "The Supreme Court mandated E-filing for January 2018, DuPage County flipped the switch on mandatory electronic filing in January of 2016, two full years ahead of the rest of the state, Kachiroubas continued ...we take our responsibility as the 'keeper' of the court's record very seriously."

The Circuit Clerk has developed an electronic case management system to manage the daily workload of processing court cases. Features include electronic filing, document imaging, computer generated court orders, plea and payment by mail, electronic debit withdrawals, and access to various web sites and many reporting features. Court information is available electronically to the public, police agencies, the legal community and other justice agencies. "The DuPage County Unified Court System is second to none in Court Management Systems, built over the last twenty-five years, it has been viewed and inspected by a majority of the counties in Illinois and a couple of countries." said Kachiroubas.

"Additionally several other initiatives, such as On-line Orders of Protection, E-Tickets, Electronic arrest warrants and Electronic Signatures were developed in-house. Many of these projects along with others, have been shared with other counties, allowing for the advancement of the criminal justice system to become more effective and accessible to the public along with our partners in law enforcement and the

court systems statewide” Kachiroubas said. The electronic systems provide continuity for information, allowing different systems to access records in order to protect our community through information.

The Circuit Clerk’s office creates over 185,000 new cases every year, under thirty-nine different classifications. Small Claims, Chancery, Domestic Relations, Felony, Law, Misdemeanor, Juvenile and Traffic are just a few of these classifications. Traffic matters alone account for the largest number of cases filed every year, at approximately 120,000 per year. “There is a common misconception out there that the Circuit Clerk’s office is only about Judges and attorneys” Kachiroubas said. “A very large part of the end - users of our office are the non-lawyer citizens, they want to pay their speeding ticket, get their license and get on with their lives. We emphasize accuracy along with speed with regard to consumer services.”

“We have come a long way but there is so much more to do and that is why I am running again.” In May 2019, Associate Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas was present at a swearing- in of an Associate Judge in DuPage County. In his remarks, he said “ ...as the judicial system goes ...so goes society” Kachiroubas continued “ in my part as Circuit Clerk I want to continue to excel in our contribution to the excellence of our regional judicial system and thereby, in some way contribute to the good of society.”

Chris Kachiroubas has served as President of the Illinois Association of Circuit Clerks and President of Illinois Association of County Officials and has been appointed to several committees by the Illinois Supreme Court. Chris and his wife Laura along with their three children live in Elmhurst.

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